

Dover Woman Arrested for Leading Troopers on Pursuit in Stolen Vehicle and Crashing into Two Police Cars- Dover

Dover, DE- Delaware State Police arrested **Lauren Miller, 35, of Dover**, after she stole a vehicle and crashed into a tree before fleeing from police and crashing the stolen truck into two troopers.

On October 1, 2021, at approximately 12:09 a.m., troopers were dispatched to the 900 block of Voshell Mill Star Hill Road for a blue Ford F-150 pickup truck pulling a trailer struck a tree in the front yard of a residence. Before troopers arrived, the vehicle fled the collision scene and began traveling eastbound on Voshell Mill Star Hill Road. Troopers observed the Ford and attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the truck. However, the operator failed to pull over and continued driving, intentionally swerving in and out of oncoming traffic. After the vehicle turned left onto South State Street and began traveling north, a trooper drove ahead of the suspect and positioned their marked Delaware State Police patrol vehicle in the southbound lane to stop oncoming traffic to protect the safety of approaching traffic. When the Ford reached the troopers' location, the suspect intentionally drove into the southbound lane, striking the troopers' driverside door, disabling the patrol vehicle. The suspect continued traveling northbound on South State Street, through the parking lot of Royal Farms located at 6 West Lebanon Road, then onto West Lebanon Road before crossing over the cement barrier and into the path of oncoming traffic. Next, the vehicle turned left onto South State Street and onto the lawn of a residence on

South State Street. Another Delaware State Trooper attempted to position their marked patrol vehicle on the roadway to protect the public's safety from imminent danger when the suspect drove toward the police car, striking the left front bumper. After hitting the trooper, the suspect turned around and began traveling toward West Lebanon Road and South State Street and eventually became disabled in the middle of the intersection. Troopers contacted the driver and gave multiple commands to exit the vehicle. The driver, later identified as Lauren Miller, failed to comply and was eventually taken into custody after being removed from the pickup truck. When troopers contacted Miller, a strong odor of alcohol was detected, and a DUI investigation ensued.

The first Delaware State Trooper struck by Miller was transported to an area hospital with minor injuries, where they were treated and released. The trooper is assigned to Delaware State Police Troop 3 and has been employed by the Delaware State Police for six years.

The second Delaware State Trooper struck by Miller was uninjured. The trooper is assigned to Delaware State Police Troop 3 and has been employed by the Delaware State Police for two years.

Miller refused medical attention and was transported to Delaware State Police Troop 3. During the investigation, troopers discovered the Ford F-150 pickup truck and trailer Miller was operating were stolen. Miller was charged with the following crimes:

- Assault Second Injuring a Law Enforcement Officer (Felony)
- Theft of a Motor Vehicle (Felony)
- Disregarding a Police Officer Signal (Felony)
- Two Counts- Reckless Endangering Second Degree
- Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
- Resisting Arrest

- Littering on a Highway
- Numerous Traffic Violations

Miller was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #2 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$17,905.00 cash bail.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of a crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll-free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at Debra.Reed@delaware.gov.

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